

winners was as
districts, M. J.
ator, Thomas
section 111,
ivesdale, soc-
W. Mognier,
E. Walker,
first prize;
section 133,
n McKeown,
John F. Rick-
ard, first prize;
section 213,
bistricts, E. C.
master E. C.
section 216, first
Sibley, section
J. T. Welch,
or, Fredericks-
ton, section
Sheahan, Ed-
tion 253, second
DS WIN.
ssed with the
in a separate
Decatur takes
minus.
atur takes first
premises. The
beaut, Spring-
Forrest and
50,000
Executor of the
state.
Joseph P. Small
y admitted to
court. Judge
ler in the esti-
tion of O. J.
of the will being
R. Shall and
tresses to the
testimony, and
out that the
the last will and
smallwood, and
grand and mem-
the court ad-
will and ordered
sued to Orville
ned as executor.
Hutchinson was
of Frank Small-
deceased. In
Mr. Hutchinson
the witnesses,
Mr. Cusins
llwood's house
ad that no one
true. He also
knew that O
executor.
that Mr. Small-
said he wanted
ritten. The at-
wood that the
er than the will
have a new
smallwood asked
and left the
Mr. Cusins
Stanwood rest-
ood ask that
At once and bring
bonaone to wit-
5, 1897, Mr
ll to Mr. Small
Shall to go with
pted to be worth
try is left to O.
Judge Hamner
executor at \$40,
and J. M. as sure-
HAT
hink Cars John-
Diller.
en led to believe
the man who is
on a charge of
s. Grist's chick-
who shot at and
up Diller, the
some time ago
lest his hat in
the butcher
after him with a
has now almost
ed as belonging
ants.
state warrants
x, the man who
ays and. Most
was torn in
ed. W. A. Hol-
ing bridle as
ed swore out the
Road.
Anthony left Satur-
and from the
Year. It is pos-
like arrangements
travelling sales
house.
missions. of Dr.
hereafter meet
instead of even-
ing will be held

ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Will Give a Christmas
Oratorio To-Night

AT THE SCHOOL BUILDING

Many Will Take Part in the Enter-
tainment—Elaborate Music
and Tableaus Will be
Presented.

The Christmas entertainment to be
given this evening by the members of
St. James German Catholic church at
the school house on East Clay street
will be the most important event that
has taken place in the church this
year. For a long time past the par-
ticipants have been rehearsing in order
that the entertainment might be per-
fect.

The Christmas oratorio which will be
presented by the church members this
evening is a famous one. It was com-
posed by H. F. Mueller. It was first
presented in 1859, and during the fol-
lowing ten years was presented in
150 cities of Germany, Austria, Hol-
land and Switzerland. It was after-
ward translated into different lan-
guages and was played in Russia,
Italy, Batavia, Jerusalem and China
and later was brought to America.
The oratorio was recently given at
Evansville, Indiana, and was given
most complimentary press notices.

The six numbers of the oratorio are
as follows:

1. Representation of the Old Testa-
ment, showing David playing a harp
and the prophets explaining the scrip-
ture.

2. The Annunciation, showing the
blessed Virgin at prayer.

3. The birth of our Lord, showing
the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph
holding the infant.

4. The adoration of the shepherds.

5. The three Magi offering gifts.

6. Christmas joy and Christmas tree.

Each of the above numbers is in the
shape of tableau and is accompanied
by beautiful singing. Great pains
have been taken in the preparation
of the entertainment and it will be
different from anything that is usually
seen. At the close of the oratorio re-
freshments will be served, and there
will be a treat for the children.

THE STAGE.

"HUMAN HEARTS."

Tonight "Human Hearts" will be
the holiday attraction at the Grand.
It will be a fine performance. Every-
body should go.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

John Marlowe's new play, "The
Countess Valeska," is punctuated with
trumpet blasts, the clash of steel; the
rattle of musketry and the turbulent
episodes of war. It is claimed that
the play proves that the German
dramatist, Rudolph Stratz, has the
same skill in realistically suggesting
various scenes as our own Gillette. He
has the advantage in this work of hav-
ing the more picturesque uniforms of
Europe in the only part of the
country to give brilliancy to his stage
kaleidoscope. "The Countess Valeska"
will be the medium of Miss Marlowe's
appearance at the Grand opera house

Thursday evening, December 29. The
supporting company this season has
been especially engaged with a view
to the qualification of its members for
their respective parts in "The Countess
Valeska." Hobart Bosworth and John
Blair sustain the principal
male roles.

Holiday Rates.

The Indiana, Decatur and Western
railway will sell tickets between all
stations and to all points in Central
Passenger Association territory on
December 23, 24, 25, 26, 30 and 31,
and January 1 and 2, at one and one-
third fare for the round trip. Tickets
will be good returning including January
3, 1898. For time of trains,
rates, tickets and full information
call on any L. D. and W. ticket agent
or address John S. Lazarus, General
Passenger Agent—16th street.

Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. Norman Martin of
Galveston, Texas, on December 16, a
daughter. Mrs. Martin was formerly
Miss Jennie Lyons of this city.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Athens of
East Prairie street on December 23, a
daughter.

Possum Supper.

The members of the Decatur city
fire department are making prepara-
tions for their annual "possum supper"
which is to take place on New Year's
eve at the Morgan street house. Each
year the firemen give supper and it
is always an elaborate affair. They
are now feeding a number of "possums"
which will soon be killed.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER
ABSOLUTELY PURE
A food more delicious and wholesome
ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK

The Daily Republican.

TWENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

DECATUR, ILLINOIS, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1898.

NUMBER 290

COST OF WAR

It Runs Up to the Sum
of \$250,000,000.

IS NOT OVER THE ESTIMATE

When Nations Get Into a Fight for
Supremacy It Takes Big Money
to Keep Things Moving

—The Items.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The cost of
Spanish war, including garris-
on in the dependencies during the
remainder of the present fiscal year,
will probably fall within the limit of
\$250,000,000. This was about the
amount estimated by careful observers
at the time of the signing of the peace
protocol in August, and the estimate
was then sustained by subsequent
events. The signing of the protocol
was from putting an end to ex-
porters and the net cost of the
army and naval service, above the
basis of a peace basis, was actually
in September than in August.
Exports for later months have
in gradual decline of several
million per month, and it now looks
as though existing revenue laws would
allow most of the expense of garrisons
at the close of the fiscal year on
the 30th next.

As a result of the Saturday night
strike, David McGavie, union miner, is
in a dangerous condition, and two
negroes who were badly cut with
knives are expected to die.

Yesterday the negroes hired a dray
and drove through the principal streets
of the city, painted in colors and boast-
ing their superiority over the whites.

Negroes arrive daily in companies
of six and ten and openly defy the
whites, but the presence of the militia
serves to prevent trouble.

The provost guard arrested 20 per-
sons among them being City Treasurer
Corwin; Overholser, mine operator; Z.
Buckley and Jim Hyburger, ex-deputy
sheriffs; Charles Ellison, secretary and
treasurer of the local miners' union; W.
Poppe, Henry Gevis, Sam Goodall
and Peter Wells, all being found with
arms upon them. They gave bond.

Chief Kieley arrested two negroes
armed with hatchets, who were ap-
parently attempting assassination upon
whites in the Flatham district. They
were jailed.

Two negroes fought a duel with
knives in West Plains Sunday evening,
both being carried from the field of
battle.

James Meyers, non-union miner,
was assaulted by unknown persons;
his injuries are reported fatal.

A negro miner named Snyder at-
tempted to shoot his wife; bystander
turned the gun, and the charge
entered Snyder's right breast, making
a fatal wound.

F. F. Frazor, principal stockholder of
the Pana Coal company, has informed

Julius Brohl, superintendent, that
if matters are not more satisfactorily
adjusted by January 15 the two Pana

mines will be closed down indefi-
nitely. The mines have been operated
in the vicinity sought refuge in

the house of an American named

Scott. The insurgents threat-
ened to attack the refugees but
restrained because it was reported

that American soldiers were on
the way there. One Spaniard,
however, was shot and another

was pluckily rescued by Scott,
who rode 15 miles to demand the

man's release in the face of an
armed mob of Tagals, who have

been looting the Viscayans stores
and houses, leaders of the insur-
gents being unable to control them.

All efforts to induce the

Viscayans to join in the revolution
have been fruitless.

The situation, so far as the in-
surgents are concerned here, is

serious. The selection of a new

cabinet is intrusted to a Filipino
named Madi, a rampant irrecon-
cilable, of unknown antecedents

and a bitter opponent of Aguinaldo,
especially on the question of

Spanish prisoners.

Admiral Dewey will be

placed on the retired list on December
26, 1898. Only one other retire-
ment next year—that of Commo-

dt. H. L. Howison, now commandant
of the Boston Navy Yard. There is a

strong sentiment in naval circles in

favor of the passage of a law which
will prevent the retention of Admiral

Dewey upon the active list for 10
years. It was done in the case of heroes
of the civil war.

Reports from Manila that Admiral

Dewey desires to return home are not

believed by department officials, their
advice from him indicating that he
desires to remain in the Philippines.
It is not expected here that he will be
detached from command of the Asiatic
station until just in time to reach the
United States on the day of his re-
tirement.

Work is being pushed by the navy
department on the small cruisers and
gunboats to be used for patrol service
in Cuban waters. It is appreciated
that in six days this government will
assume control in Cuba, and it is de-
cided that the navy shall be prepared
to do its fair share in preserving peace
and order in the seaports of the island.

MAY CLOSE MINES

Warm Times at Pana Sunday and Monday.

All of the Men Were Idle and Many
were Arrested—Presence of
Soldiers Prevents a
General Riot.

PANA, ILL., Dec. 27.—Monday was
a terrorizing day in Pana. It was ob-
served by both union miners and non-
union miners. The mines did not
work and the non-union miners, principally
negroes, becoming intoxicated,
paraded the streets and insulted citi-
zens and their wives.

As a result of the Saturday night
strike, David McGavie, union miner, is
in a dangerous condition, and two
negroes who were badly cut with
knives are expected to die.

Yesterday the negroes hired a dray
and drove through the principal streets
of the city, painted in colors and boast-
ing their superiority over the whites.

Negroes arrive daily in companies
of six and ten and openly defy the
whites, but the presence of the militia
serves to prevent trouble.

The provost guard arrested 20 per-
sons among them being City Treasurer
Corwin; Overholser, mine operator; Z.
Buckley and Jim Hyburger, ex-deputy
sheriffs; Charles Ellison, secretary and
treasurer of the local miners' union; W.
Poppe, Henry Gevis, Sam Goodall
and Peter Wells, all being found with
arms upon them. They gave bond.

Chief Kieley arrested two negroes
armed with hatchets, who were ap-
parently attempting assassination upon
whites in the Flatham district. They
were jailed.

Two negroes fought a duel with
knives in West Plains Sunday evening,
both being carried from the field of
battle.

James Meyers, non-union miner,
was assaulted by unknown persons;
his injuries are reported fatal.

A negro miner named Snyder at-
tempted to shoot his wife; bystander
turned the gun, and the charge
entered Snyder's right breast, making
a fatal wound.

F. F. Frazor, principal stockholder of
the Pana Coal company, has informed

Julius Brohl, superintendent, that
if matters are not more satisfactorily
adjusted by January 15 the two Pana

mines will be closed down indefi-
nitely. The mines have been operated
at a big loss since the importation of

negro labor.

It is Believed to be Inevitable—Young
Men in the Ranks.

LIMA, PERU, Dec. 27.—Advices from
the New York navy yard, here, that
it seems to be decided that

Admiral Sampson will remain
as commander-in-chief of the North At-

tlan station and Rear Admiral

S. C. S. will be assigned to see duty in

Peru. The Indiana, the

U. S. S. "Oscar,"

and the U. S. S. "Oscar,"

will be placed on the

retired list on December
26, 1898. Only one other retire-
ment next year—that of Commo-

dt. H. L. Howison, now commandant
of the Boston Navy Yard. There is a

strong sentiment in naval circles in

favor of the passage of a law which
will prevent the retention of Admiral

Dewey upon the active list for 10
years. It was done in the case of heroes
of the civil war.

Reports from Manila that Admiral

Dewey desires to return home are not

believed by department officials, their
advice from him indicating that he
desires to remain in the Philippines.

It is not expected here that he will be
detached from command of the Asiatic
station until just in time to reach the
United States on the day of his re-
tirement.

Work is being pushed by the navy
department on the small cruisers and
gunboats to be used for patrol service
in Cuban waters. It is appreciated
that in six days this government will
assume control in Cuba, and it is de-
cided that the navy shall be prepared
to do its fair share in preserving peace
and order in the seaports of the island.

It is Believed to be Inevitable—Young
Men in the Ranks.

\$20,000 DAMAGES

Wanted by G. W. Dingman from the Wabash

INJURED LAST AUGUST

When Struck by a Train at Niantic—

Johns and Housum the At-

torneys—A Divorce

Suits Filed.

A \$20,000 damage suit against the Wabash railroad was started today in the circuit court. Johns and Housum, attorneys for the plaintiff, filed in the office of the circuit clerk the praecipe in the case of George W. Dingman vs. the Wabash. The declaration will be filed in a few days.

Dingman, it will be remembered met with an accident last August near Niantic. He was with another man and while crossing the Wabash tracks was struck by a passing train. Both men escaped being killed but it is now claimed that Dingman sustained injuries which will be permanent and his attorneys have brought suit to recover damages from the railroad.

DIVORCES.

Through her attorney, S. S. Clapp, Mrs. Josephine L. Corrie filed today in the office of the circuit clerk a bill asking for a divorce from her husband, William D. Corrie.

The divorce suit of Richard E. Travis vs. Rachel Travis has also been filed by Attorney J. M. Gray. Infidelity is charged against the defendant.

Mills Bros. have begun a divorce suit for Zelina Clark Dillow, who seeks a divorce from her husband, Amos M. Dillow, charging that her husband has a violent temper and is guilty of using obscene and abusive language.

WAITING ORDERS

Command to Halt Sent the Iowa and Oregon at Callao.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Orders have been cabled to Captain Barker, the senior officer in command of the battleships Oregon and Iowa, and the supply ship accompanying them, now at Callao, Peru, to remain there until January 1. It appears that the vessels never had orders to proceed either to Manila or Honolulu, though it was the intention of the navy department when they started from New York to make Manila their destination. It was not possible, however, to order them there without committing a breach of the spirit of the agreement between the United States and Spain under the terms of the peace protocol. Therefore it was understood that the vessels were to proceed to Honolulu, there to receive orders to go to Manila. But the orders given to Captain Barker left it open to the navy department to make any changes in the original plan they might deem desirable. It is probable the occasion for such a change has now arrived, for it is believed that there is not now the same necessity for the presence of such a powerful fleet of ships away from home sections.

RELIGIOUS.

First General Conference of Lutheran Representatives.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 27.—A general conference of the Lutherans, the first of the kind ever held in this country, delegates representing the general council, the general synod and the united synod of the south, began here today. It will continue until Thursday afternoon. The three bodies represented have an aggregate membership of 600,000 in 4000 congregations, with 3000 ministers. While it is not announced that an effort will be made to unite the three great synods, of the Lutheran church, the object of the conference is to prepare the way for a better understanding and a more harmonious co-operation among all Lutherans in the United States.

THE BOTKIN CASE.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 27.—The taking of testimony in rebuttal in the Botkin case began today. Mrs. Maggie Smith, an employee at the Victoria hotel, where Mrs. Botkin lived at the time the candy was sent to Mrs. Dunham, stated positively that Dr. Tyrrell did not visit Mrs. Botkin on Sunday afternoon, July 8; that he visited his patient on Monday. Dr. Tyrrell was called and testified that he was sure the visit was made on Sunday.

Instructors at Springfield. Superintendent E. A. Gastman. Principal Frank Hamaker. Mrs. Vir-

N. Hostetler of the board of education and several of the teachers of the public schools of the city left this afternoon for Springfield to be present at the opening session of the Illinois State Teachers' Association, which convenes this evening at 8 o'clock at the capitol building. The address of welcome will be made by Governor John R. Tanner. President J. H. Collins, superintendent of the public schools of Springfield, will make an address and there will be a talk on "Education" by Bishop John L. Spalding of the Peoria diocese. Committees will be appointed. Music will be furnished by the Girls' chorus.

THE CUBAN JAIL.

HAVANA, Dec. 27.—The city jail was delivered to the Americans on Saturday.

The transport Mobile has arrived from Savannah with two battalions of the 1st Texas and 2d Louisiana.

BRYAN IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Democrat congressmen from Illinois, several prominent state and local Democratic leaders and Col. W. J. Bryan held a protracted conference here today. Colonel Bryan leaves for Nebraska tonight.

GONE TO THE WALL.

ABELINE, KANSAS, Dec. 27.—Word has reached here that Cattlin Bros., extensive stock feeders of Miltown, have failed with liabilities at \$300,000 to \$500,000. Their bank closed on Saturday. They have been feeding 25,000 head of cattle and are said to have lost heavily.

PERSONAL.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ingham, of Warrensburg, were in the city today.

—Mrs. I. G. Cooke, of Marion, was in the city.

—Mrs. Zerilda Moore went to Mt. Piuski today on business.

—L. N. Martin, Jr., of Peoria, is in the city visiting his father, L. N. Martin, Sr., and family.

—J. H. Rowland has returned from a trip of several days which included Port Scott, Kansas, and Port Arthur, Texas.

A case of scarlet fever was reported in the home of Officer and Mrs. Henry Kossieck, at 827 East Lawrence street, today.

There is a case of scarletina in the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carroll, of 737 West Wood street.

—Mrs. S. D. McKenney of North College street is entertaining a lady friend from Joliet.

—Miss Carrie Stuart, who is teaching in the public schools at Dixon, Ill., together with her sister, Miss Emma Stuart and the Misses Anna and Fannie Boyer, were the guests of Decatur friends today.

—J. B. Forris of Niantic was in the city on business today.

—R. T. Miles, student at the Champaign university, who has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. M. D. Pollock, has returned home.

—The two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Kuny of East Clay street is ill of pneumonia.

—Mrs. Will L. Smith has returned from Penna, where she spent Christmas with her parents.

—W. W. Willits of Fredericktown, Ohio, is the guest of J. H. Park of Harristown.

PEAKE & SONS'

ONE-HALF OFF SALE!

All This Week.

Remarkable Slaughter Sale of our entire stock of WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, at JUST ONE HALF OFF.

A \$4.00 Oak Clock for \$2.00. Plenty of goods on hand of the very choicest.

A \$20 watch for \$10; a \$10 watch for \$5.00. All goods marked in plain figures, and you are toll at a glance what bargain we are offering.

This stock must be cleaned out this week. If you want a watch or clock, or piece of silverware or jewelry, you can get it at just one-half off—this week only.

Don't fail to attend this sale.

J. L. PEAKE & SONS,

Jewelers.

Marriage Licenses.

Charles A. Crist, Weldon, Iowa, 22. Nellie G. Rankin, Monticello, 19.

William H. Furtan, Jr., Marion township, 19.

Ida M. Lane, Marion township, 20.

Fred A. Wicklein, Walker Station, 23.

Mabel A. Brookshire, Walker Station, 19.

Charles Grover, Friends Creek, 25.

Eunice Trummler, Friends Creek, 25.

Sherman Moore, the colored boy who was arrested for stealing Arthur Dumont's hard, was brought before Justice Hardy this afternoon for trial.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Larvative Bromo Quinine Tablets

All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine L. B. Q. on each tablet.

WOMEN WHO HUNT.

Modern Dianas Are Numerous in the Maine Woods.

Accompanied by Professional Guides the Fair Disciples of Nimrod Go Forth to Slay.

Though women have been hunting in the state each fall with good success for the last ten years, women have not before this ventured in unless with male escort. These women who are stepping up beyond the Depsiconneag "dead water" are some very self-reliant women from Massachusetts. They work in some of the stores in a populous city, and, being spinsters, decided to paddle their own canoe this season. One or two reliable guides accompanied them, and, according to all reports, they are doing extremely well. One of them vouchsafed the information to a passing sportsman that they were doing "a blessed sight better than if they had half a dozen men tagging them around to see that they didn't wet their feet or blow their heads off with their rifles."

"But," remarks old Jed Hawkes, "there won't be any spruce gum left in that neighborhood. Lord, how those women are yandling. They say they have chewed great deal of gum in their lives, but that they never knew what the clear quill was till they came down here into the state of Maine. While they're about it they are going to take back all they can dig, buy or beg to the city. Even the tall trees can't hide their big lump away from these women. Three of them wear bloomers and have lots of muscle and they kin climb anything that comes along, from trees to catamounts. Those women are safe enough."

It is said that half the parties that went into the Moosehead region last fall had women as members.

You see, the women have for so many years heard their male friends tell of the estate delights of hunting in the big Maine woods that their feminine curiosity has been excited and there has been a veritable clamor to be allowed to go in. Once in awhile there is one woman who finds the trip enough to last her for a lifetime. The fun isn't at all as she has expected it would be. The woods may be good enough for the men, but as for her, she prefers the boulevard and the shopping district.

Then there are other women who meet the most ferocious weather the Maine woods have to furnish; who are drenched every other day to the skin and who get dumped out of a canoe two or three times just by the way of variety.

These women go home and tell all the folks that they have had just the most lovely time and that they are all impatient for the year to roll around, so that they may go again. These are the kind of heroines that can extract fun from every mishap. They are the only kind that should tackle the dubious pleasures of the Maine woods. For that class—and it is an extensive one—that enjoys roughing it, there is no enjoyment in all the world like the autumn forest. But the person who goes in for the first time without proper conception of the nature of the fun will be supremely miserable himself, or herself, and will make all the folks around more miserable still.

These women haven't commenced to go into the Arcostook and the Pemadumcook wilderness yet to any great extent. Last year several parties went in from Stacyville to the vicinity of old Katahdin and remained several weeks until the snow came. The women were of the right sort to stand all the adversities, though they were from the city and said that they had the best time of their lives.

And the ladies have had pretty good luck up that way in the shooting line. One Lynn doctor has been coming down into Maine every fall for years after a moose.

He has been able to shoot deer enough. But deer have got to be too small game for him. Last season he brought down his niece to see him get the prize, for he felt sure that at last his patience was to be rewarded.

The women haven't commenced to go into the Arcostook and the Pemadumcook wilderness yet to any great extent. Last year several parties went in from Stacyville to the vicinity of old Katahdin and remained several weeks until the snow came. The women were of the right sort to stand all the adversities, though they were from the city and said that they had the best time of their lives.

And the ladies have had pretty good luck up that way in the shooting line. One Lynn doctor has been coming down into Maine every fall for years after a moose.

He has been able to shoot deer enough. But deer have got to be too small game for him. Last season he brought down his niece to see him get the prize, for he felt sure that at last his patience was to be rewarded.

One day while they were coming down Black stream the niece, who was a little way ahead in a canoe with one of the guides, saw a moose standing near the water's edge. The animal was side on and presented a splendid mark. Up went the little rifle, and though the hand of the maiden trembled convulsively good fate sped the ball true and the moose fell dead with a bullet through his heart.

That night the uncle figured up that he had spent over \$1,000 in chasing after a moose through the Maine forest—and still lacked the moose. Here was his 19-year-old niece down for the week, and lo! she almost had a moose brought to her. The uncle disgustedly decided that hunting was about all luck, anyway.

There is one thing to say about the women who have been coming to Maine woods for the last ten years. Not one has yet shot one of the guides for a bear or her husband for a deer. The woodsman say that when the women are out hunting they are very cautious, with all a woman's inherent fear that some thing will happen, and that no matter how unskilled the woman may be in the use of firearms they, the guides, are never apprehensive of accidents. It is the impetuous veteran who blows off his own or some one else's head.—Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

Dr. Sweeny Tonight.

Dr. Sweeny, one of the most distinguished ministers of the Christian church, will give his lecture in the entertainment course at the tabernacle tonight. He will arrive at 7 o'clock this evening and will dine with W. H. Saffern and family. Hear him to-night.

Charles Grover, Friends Creek, 25.

Eunice Trummler, Friends Creek, 25.

Sherman Moore.

Sherman Moore, the colored boy who was arrested for stealing Arthur Dumont's hard, was brought before Justice Hardy this afternoon for trial.

To Care a Cold in One Day

Take Larvative Bromo Quinine Tablets

All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine L. B. Q. on each tablet.

1800
REMNANTS...
AT
1/2 PRICE!

During this week we will Sell Remnants in Dress Goods, Silks, Flannels, Prints, Muslin, Table Linen, Tickings, Shirtings, Etc.,

At ONE-HALF
Their Original Price.Bradley Bros
DRY GOODS, & MILLINERY
Decatur Ill.CHOICE
OF ANY
SUIT OR OVERCOAT
In My Store
FOR \$10.00
OTHERS AT \$3.48 TO \$8.00.Now is the Time to Get a Fine Suit
Or Overcoat.

Come before the Stock is Broken.

REMEMBER THE PLACE,

CHAS. E. MORGAN,

108 East Prairie Street.

The Smith Premier Typewriter

Is the leader among writing machines. It embodies all essentials—easy operation, clear, neat

print, modern type and labor-

saving devices, and, above all,

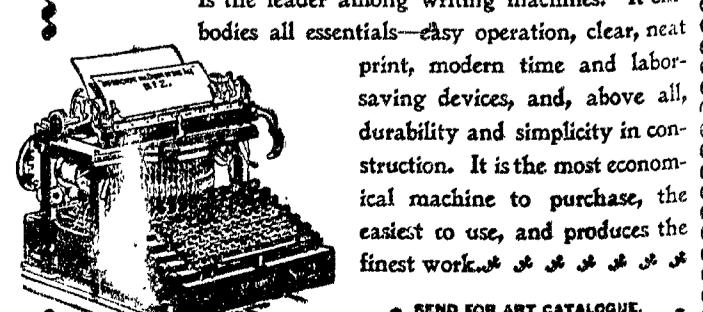
durability and simplicity in con-

struction. It is the most economi-

cal machine to purchase, the

easiest to use, and produces the

finest work.



SEND FOR ART CATALOGUE.

Clinton & Jackson Sts., CHICAGO, ILL.

Sold by A. J. Blaine, 239 North Water St., Decatur, Ill.

The Smith Premier Typewriter Co.

106 First William Street, Decatur, Ills.

YOU
Can
Fine
And
Our
Big
Cut
Sale
Contin
Suit or
sold, for
OTTE
The Reliable Clo
MASONIC
SILVER
C
New, bright, clo
Novelties.
Stick Pins, eleg
and Fancy S
to be apprec
For RELIABLE WA
See our CHAFING I
When buying her
AT CORRECT PRIC
W. R. A
129 N. Wat
NEW UP
WASHBU
GUITARS
ZITHERS
& MANDOLINS
BEST IN THE

ANTS...

ICE!

e will Sell Rem-
s Goods, Silks,
s, Muslin, Table
Shirtings, Etc.,F
inal Price.Bro
tthur J. H.

OICE

OF ANY

IT OR OVERCOAT

My Store

\$10.00

S AT \$3.48 TO \$8.00.

Time to Get a Fine Suit
Or Overcoat.

before the Stock is Broken.

MBER THE PLACE,

E. MORGAN,

East Prairie Street.

ith Premier Cypewriter
s the leader among writing machines. It en-
odies all essentials—easy operation, clear, neat
print, modern time and labor-
saving devices, and, above all,
durability and simplicity in con-
struction. It is the most economical
machine to purchase, the
easiest to use, and produces the
finest work.

SEND FOR ART CATALOGUE.

The Smith Premier Cypewriter Co.
William Street, Decatur, Ills.YOU
Can Buy
Fine Suits
And Overcoats
CHEAP.Our
Big
Cut Price
SaleContinues until every
Suit or Overcoat is
sold, for Man or Boy.

OTTENHEIMER & CO.,

The Reliable Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers.

MASONIC TEMPLE BLOCK.

SILVER and
GOLD
PRESENTS.New, bright, clean and up-to-date Silver
Novelties.Stick Pins, elegant line of Diamonds, Opal
and Fancy Stone Rings—must be seen
to be appreciated.

For RELIABLE WATCHES come and see us.

See our CHAFING DISHES.

When buying here you can rely on CORRECT GOODS
AT CORRECT PRICES.W. R. ABBOTT & CO.,
129 N. Water Street.

NEW UPRIGHT PIANOS.

\$225, \$250, \$275, \$300

Mandolins,
Guitars,
Violins,
Banjos,
Autoharps,
Strings, &c.PRESCOTT
Music House
343 N. Water St., Decatur, Ill.WASHBURN
GUITARS,
ZITHERS,
& HANDOLINS
BEST IN THE WORLDEAT THE BEST.
LIFE WILL BE SWEETER.INFERIOR GOODS
SHORTEN LIFETherefore buy the
Best only atHEILMAN'S, Lincoln
Square.

THE WEATHER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Illinois: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; decidedly colder tonight; colder in the south Wednesday; westerly winds becoming variable.

LOCAL NEWS.

Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c.
Arnold's Bromo-Uesery cure head
aches, 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist.The officers of the Sunday school
for the coming year will be elected at
College street chapel on next Sunday.Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on
any goods. Collateral, best rates.
mch22-ffThe Ladies' Aid society of College
street will meet at the chapel on
Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.You pay a little more for the clothes
that Denz makes but—Picture Frames 10 cents and up.
Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co.—22-dw
Dr. B. F. Shuster has returned from
Champaign, where he performed a
surgical operation for abscess with
very satisfactory results.California fruits at Glassner's, 118
East Prairie.Mrs. R. G. Wells will lead the
prayer meeting services at College
street chapel this evening. Subject,
"Christmas Thoughts," Luke 11,
vii.-viii.-x.Why send your money out of town
when we take your subscriptions at
publishers' prices.

L. CUDOT'S NEWS HOUSE.

William H. Bell was the name of
the man who committed suicide Sat-
urday night by hanging himself in the
hay mow on the farm of Mr. Jones
near Chatham. His home was at
Springfield. Dissipation led the man
to commit the deed."I had a running, itching sore on my
leg. Suffered tortures. Dean's Oint-
ment took away the burning and itch-
ing instantly and quickly effected per-
manent cure." C. W. Lenhart, Bowling
Green, O. Sold by all druggists.The Misses Elizabeth and Maud
Dodd will entertain the card club this
evening at their home on North Water
street.It's the little colds that grow into big
cold; the big colds that end in con-
sumption and death. Watch the little
colds. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup
Sold by all druggists.Rev. W. H. Peuhellogon, Rev. W.
B. Miller and Rev. W. F. Gillmore,
the ministers who assisted in the Elks
memorial services were each presented
with a large turkey on Christmas by
the order, in appreciation of their ser-
vices.The Social Dancing club will meet on
Friday evening at the Columbia
hall. The regular meeting night
was made because of the en-
gagement of Julia Marlowe at the
Powers theatre on that night.J. M. Barber, who was playing
Santa Claus for the benefit of the
children on Saturday night was badly
burned about the face and hands by
the cotton he wore in his makeup
catching on fire from a candle on the
Christmas tree. Dr. John T.
Miller attended him. The burns are
most severe on his hands and ears.
He will be out in the course of a few
days.Pains in the chest when a person has
a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumo-
nia. A piece of flannel dampened with
Chamberlain's Pain Balm and
bound on to the chest over the seat of
pain will promptly relieve the pain and
prevent the threatened attack of pneumo-
nia. This same treatment will cure a
lame back in a few hours. Sold by J.
E. King and C. F. Shilling.Mrs. Mary L. Hanmer, national
chaplain of the Ladies' Aid society of
the Sons of Veterans, has received an
invitation to the dedicatory services
of the Grand Army Memorial Hall, at
2 o'clock on the afternoon of Thurs-
day, December 29, at Grand Army
Memorial Hall, Michigan avenue and
Randolph street, Chicago. Reception
by the members to the public at 7:30
in the evening. Special invitation
has been issued to all state officers and
leading divines, etc.

Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Oliver,
living in the 1700 block on North Water
street, on December 27, a son.

Colds

Colds are easily taken and often de-
velop into bronchitis or consumption.
You should cure a cold promptly with
Dr. John W. Bull's Cough Syrup.
This celebrated remedy is most effi-
cient and will cure a cold at once.Dr. Bull's
COUGH SYRUPPromptly cures Stubborn Colds.
Doses are small and pleasant to take. Doctor
recommended it.

Price 15 cts. At all druggists.

Begin at 10 o'clock.

CHRISTMAS ORATORIO.

Given Monday Evening by the St.
James Catholic Church Choir.The Christmas oratorio given Monday
evening by the members of St. James' Gorman Catholic church,
solo parts were rendered by John A.
Freund of Springfield and the chorus
parts were sung by the church choir.
While the music was being sung a
tableau to illustrate it would be
shown. There were in all six beau-
tiful tableaux. The arrangement of
the people on the stage was artistic and
the costumes were correct and hand-
some. The music was rendered splen-
didly and the entertainment on the
whole was the best that the members
of the church have ever given. At
the close of the oratorio those in at-
tendance remained for some time in
the school house in which the affair
was given.The members of the choir who took
part in rendering the music were as
follows:Sopranos—Mrs. A. Spaeth, Miss
Lizzie Frank, Miss Clara Zeller, Miss
Mary Kilkella, Mama Scherer, Agnes
Kilkella, Mary Shenehy, Lizzie Kastner,
Francis Knopfle, Christina Korn.Altos—Mrs. Bernard Marty, Misses
Sofia Kastner, Hattie Wagner, Annie
Hartten, Leona Scherer, Bernard
Spaeth, Joe Spaeth, Peter Zeller,
Louis Sherman, Jr.Tenors—Louis Sherman, Sr., Bern-
ard Marty, Frank Kockeisen, John
Newbauer.Bassos—Paul Kastner, Gus Lengs-
feld, John Scholz.
Organist—A. Spaeth.
Violinist—Professor Soldan.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

New Books Ready For Distribution
Wednesday, December 28.LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC.
Carry—Fables for the Frivolous.
Crawford—Ave Roma Immortalis,
2v.Darwin—The Tides.
Douglas—White North.
Eliot—Educational Reform.
Gordon—Life of Frances E. Willard.
Hale—Men and Manners of the 18th
Century.
Harris—Corner of Spain.
Hennem—Cannon and Camera.
Higginson—Tales of the Encumbered
Islands of the Atlantic.
Hopkins—Twentieth Century Magic.
Howe—From Sunset Ridge.
Howells—Stories of Ohio.
Hubbard—Little Journeys to the
Homes of American Statesmen.
Joy—Twenty Centuries of English
History.
Musick—Hawaii, Our New Posses-
sions.
Oman—England and the Hundred
Years' War.Pope—Up the Matterhorn in a Boat.
Powers—England and the Reformation.Reppert—Philadelphia: The Place
and People.Rose—Rise and Growth of Democ-
racy in Great Britain.Rostrand—Cyrano de Bergerac;
translated by Thomas & Guillond.Spencer—Aphorisms from His Writ-
ings, arranged by J. R. Gingell.Sybel—Founding of the German
Empire, v. 7.Thompson—Stories of Indiana.
Todd—Corona and Coronet.

Tonge—Denver, by Pen and Picture.

Torrey—World of Green Hills.

Wilson—Nature Study in Element-
ary Schools.

FICTION.

Bell—Instinct of Step-fatherhood.

Benson—The Babe, B. A.

Black—Wild Eels.

Dunbar—Uncle.

Ford—Tattle-tales of Cupid.

Gray—Gallops.

Harland—Comedies and Errors.

Hewlett—Forest Lovers.

Long—Madame Butterfly, etc.

Longhead—Black Curtain.

Moore—Evlyn Innes.

Pemberton—Queen of Jesters.

Romington—Crooked Trails.

Slosson—Dumb Foxglove, and Other
Stories.

Stuart—Moriah's Mourning, etc.

Thanet—Heart of Toil.

Trollope—Barchester Towers, 2. v.

Trollope—Doctor Thorne, 2. v.

Trollope—Duke's Children, 3. v.

Trollope—Framley Parsonage, 2. v.

Trollope—Primo Minister, 8. v.

Trollope—Small House at Allington,
3. v.

Trollope—The Warden.

Westcott—David Harum.

Wilkins—Silence and Other Stories.

JUVENILE.

Grant—Chums at Last.

Green—Esther's Charge.

Henty—At Aboukir and Acre.

Henty—Under Wellington's Com-
mand.

Stables—Pirate's Gold.

Tucker—Littlest Oues.

HOLIDAY RATES.

The P. D. and E. Ry. will sell
tickets between points on its line on
December 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31 and
January 1, at rate of one and one-
third fare for the round trip. Tickets
good returning until January 3. Call
on your ticket agent for particulars as
to territory—2-28d.

MRS. S. G. HATCH

Died at Nunda, Ill., on
Christmas Morning.

OLD RESIDENT OF DECATUR

W. B. Slaughter, of Peoria, Died in
This City—Funeral of the
Late Mrs. John
Voiles.The death of Mrs. S. G. Hatch,
widow of the late S. G. Hatch & Bro. of this
city, occurred at the home of her
niece, Mrs. Dr. Ballou at Nunda, Ill.,
at 4 o'clock on Sunday morning, December 25. Her death was caused by
a large hard tumor which formed in
her throat.Mrs. Hatch was well known in Decatur and her death will cause a
blight on the holidays of her many
friends. She was a life-long member
of the Universalist church, a woman
of more than ordinary strength of
character and individually possessed
of a sweetness and sincerity of dis-
position that won her friends wherever
she went. Until recently she lived at
her residence at 431 West Main street,
but feeling the nearness of the end
went to her relatives at her old home
at Nunda.Everything was done to relieve her
of the affliction from which she suf-
fered, but it finally came to the point
where surgical operation was the
only hope of extending her life. Her
physical condition prevented this and
there was no choice left but to pa-
tiently wait for the end. She was
buried today at Nunda by the side of
her husband, whom she survived three
years.

W. B. SLAUGHTER.

W. B. Slaughter, son of W. H.
Slaughter, died Monday, December 26,
at 3 o'clock at the home of his parents,
No. 535 East Herkimer street, aged 31
years, two months and 19 days. Bright's
disease was the cause of death. The deceased has been living
at Peoria, where he was employed in
the yards of the Rock Island as switch-
man. He has been in poor health for
a number of years but was only con-
fined to his home four days before his
death. He came to Decatur a little
over a week ago to visit his parents.
Mr. Slaughter is survived by a widow
and one child, Ruth, aged four years.
The funeral will be held Wednesday
afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the
residence and the burial will be at
the Spangler cemetery.

MRS. VOILES.

The funeral of the late Mrs. John
Voiles, who died last Sunday, was
held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the
residence, No.

PUSSY'S WAIT FOR HER SHIP.
Hundreds of Other Vessels Arrived in the Six Weeks, But She Handed Them Not.

An instance of remarkable sagacity displayed by a cat in connection with the oil tank steamer Bayonne is a never-failing topic of conversation among officials of the custom house and the employes of the Atlantic Refining company. It is a true story and is vouchsafed by the crew of the Bayonne, the boarding officers and all others having to do with the vessel.

When the Bayonne came to Philadelphia some weeks ago it had a pet, an ordinary black and white pussy, whose birthplace was far off beyond the Italian Alps. The cat was a present to Capt. Von Hugo and had accompanied him on several voyages. It is, moreover, no ordinary tabby, as it is the proud possessor of a pedigree and appearance equally remarkable. Italy is not blessed with many cats—on fact, they are almost a rarity. Therefore, to the great cat show held last year at Florence there were at crowds attracted. The mascot of the Bayonne was present and earned a big gold medal, which Capt. Von Hugo personally exhibited to visitors—a tribute to the finest specimens of feline aristocracy represented at the exhibition.

While the big oil-tanker was loading its cargo at Point Breeze, to the horror of the captain and the consternation of the steward, who was charged with its keeping, the animal disappeared the day after presenting to the ship four beautiful kittens. Well-organized parties searched the tanks from stem to stern and thoroughly explored the streets and wharves around the oil works, but all to no avail. Pussy was gone, and with much regret Capt. Von Hugo was obliged to make sail without his old companion.

Two days after the Bayonne left the prodigal returned. Rounding down on the wharf, it cast anxious glances at the big bark Steinbeck, which occupied the pier formerly held by the Bayonne. Visiting in succession every ship in the vicinity, the instinct of the cat forbade it boarding any of them, and finally, giving it up in despair, it cast its lot in the watchbox of Watchman Manly, seemingly reconciled to the fact that it must await the appearance of the absent oil ship. During the six weeks in which the Bayonne was on its voyage to Savona, Italy, 20 other steamers came in, and each was carefully inspected in turn by the abandoned tabby. Strange to say, a survey from a distance seemed to satisfy the cat. It was obvious that its former home was not recognized.

At last the Bayonne returned, and then was manifest an unparalleled exhibition of animal instinct. When the oil ship was still far down the stream pussy took her position on the end of the wharf, showing by a thousand antics that the incoming craft was the one so anxiously awaited for so many weeks. Unnecessary to say, perhaps, that the recognition was mutual, from Capt. Von Hugo on the bridge to the big black dog barking on the poop deck, and there was no need to decry the absence of an enthusiastic welcome. To cap the climax, when the Bayonne was yet 12 feet from the pier the cat's impatience reached the limit. With one flying leap it cleared the intervening space, and to the surprise of the cheering crew, ran directly to the place where her kittens were formerly domiciled. The latter were still onboard, and in a few moments the happy family was again united.—Philadelphia Times.

WOULD NOT LOSE HER VOTE.

Mother Than Do So an Idaho Woman Drove Sixty Miles in the Cold.

Mrs. B. F. Jeffers, of Hailey, Idaho, believes firmly that when the state conformed upon her the right of suffrage the Commonwealth was justified in expecting that she would exercise that right to the full. Mrs. Jeffers owns a ranch at Soldier, and has shown on many occasions while successfully managing that property that she is not one to shrink her responsibilities, be they those of citizenship or otherwise. It was not to be expected, therefore, that any ordinary obstacle would interfere with her announced determination to vote at the recent election, but even those who knew her best were hardly prepared for the display of pluck which she gave on the second Tuesday in November. Mrs. Jeffers had registered at Soldier, where her ranch is located, but subsequently removed to Hailey, 30 miles away, taking a legal transfer to the latter place, but forgetting to record it. Shortly before noon on election day she went to the polls at Hailey, but found that she could not vote without authorization from Soldier. Nothing daunted, she secured a team of horses and started for the latter place, announcing her intention to be back before the polls closed in the evening. The horses were speedy and of great endurance, and Mrs. Jeffers reached Soldier within the time which she allowed herself. Giving orders for a fresh team, she proceeded to secure the necessary documents. These in her possession, she started on her return journey. The trip from Hailey had not been particularly comfortable, although the bright sun of early afternoon had tempered a cold wind which blew across the high prairie. This advantage had disappeared when the plucky woman took the reins to start back, and several friends urged her to abandon the trip and stay at the ranch overnight. Mrs. Hailey laughed at the advice, faced the cutting blast and proceeded on the return trip. It was a cold and cheerless journey, but Mrs. Jeffers reached Hailey in time to vote, though her fingers were so benumbed that she was unable to mark her ballot.—Chicago Tribune.

When you have eaten too much, or when you suffer from any form of Dyspepsia or Indigestion, remember that Kodal Dyspepsia Due digests what you eat. It cures the worst forms of Dyspepsia. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling.

For Pneumonia.

Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia the past month with good success." H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling.

WIT AND WISDOM.

Don't walk on ice with slippers on—A. W. Bulletin.

"I see you've still got your old office boy?" "Yes." "Improves with age, does he?" "Well, he seems to get fresher every day."—Philadelphia Record.

The cars get "loaded" and cannot go at all until they are assisted to their proper destination by the engine which never drinks anything stronger than water!—A. W. Bulletin.

"Yes, I was awfully fond of that girl, and I believed her to be perfect, but I saw something about her last night that made me tired." "What was that?" "Another fellow's arm."—Brooklyn Life.

Mother—"Bobby, it's very naughty of you to go off birds' nesting without telling me. I'm quite surprised at you." Bobby (ingenuously)—"Yes, mother, I'm really quite surprised at myself!"—Sketch.

Ida—"Speaking of Mr. Jettison, don't you think he has grown to be reserved of late?" Flossie—"Of course he has, but how did you find it out so soon? It only happened last night."—Richmond Dispatch.

Mrs. O'Rourke—"They say the McFaddens is puttin' on piles of airs lately." Mrs. Nolan—"Yes, they are gittin' into high society. Their boy Mike has been hired by wits in their golfers for a caddy!"—Chicago Daily News.

Only the Aged—Miss Antigue (coquettishly)—"I'm afraid you are bald, Mr. Jones. You would sooner be talking to some of the young ladies." Jones (gallantly)—"Oh, no, indeed! The young ladies don't like me!"—N. Y. Journal.

WHIMS OF "POLLY" THAXTER.

A Lively and Accomplished Bird That Belonged to the Late New England Poetess.

A few years ago, when Miss Celia Thaxter lived on an island off the coast of New England, among her flowers and birds was a gray parrot that she had inherited from her mother. Polly, however much she was endeared to the poet through long association with her mother, was roundly hated by the islanders.

One of the ways by which Polly made herself disagreeable was through her powers of mimicry. To her mistress she was invariably sweetness and courtesy, and she would cry "Celia, Celia," as if she were calling the name of her most idolized friend, in the most musical and endearing tones possible, and from that turn to imitating the bushy, whispering utterances of a shy little Norwegian maid until the girl would be teased beyond endurance.

In approaching Polly's cage it was no unusual thing for a visitor to be captivated with her coquettish and artless manner and the very coquettish way she had of putting out a claw in friendly welcome, and then, when the unwary mortal was within her reach, she would drive that entangling claw into his flesh like a thing of iron. There was never any trusting her, for she was sure in the end to be treacherous herself.

Among the whims that seized Polly—and she seemed forever to be intent upon mischief—was to annoy the new driver of an express wagon by shouting "Whoa" to the horses in the exact voice of the former driver, which would bring the animal from a smart trot to a sudden halt.

One day Polly escaped from her perch and was lost sight of for several days. The ground was white with an early snow, and the poet's brother, who was fond of hunting, went out with his gun. While wandering about in search of game he saw in a tree what he concluded was an owl or gull, and, lifting his gun, took aim to shoot. Suddenly he was arrested by the sharp cry of "Cedric, Cedric!" The bird had called him by his name, and was none other than Polly herself, who for once, at least, by a word in due season, had saved her own life. Of course, Cedric got Polly down and took her home, where she proclaimed her return by sending over the island one of her famous shrieks.

After the death of the poet, Polly again disappeared, and was never more seen. Just what her fate was has not yet been discovered, but it is supposed that she was poisoned, or in some way secretly killed.—Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

WHAT THE LAW DECIDES.

The right of a city to maintain ejectment for a street of which it does not own the fee is sustained in San Francisco vs. Grote (Cal.), 41 L. R. A. 333.

An action against an Indian belonging to a tribe and a particular reservation brought by a white man on a contract, is held, in Stacy vs. Labelle (Wis.), 41 L. R. A. 419, to be within the jurisdiction of a state court.

Poles of an electric railway, if properly placed, are held in Snyder vs. Fort Madison Street Railway company (Ia.), 41 L. R. A. 345, to give no right of action to the abutting owner, whether he owns the fee of the street or not.

Fines for overcharges by an express company are held, in Southern Express company vs. Com. Walker (Va.), 41 L. R. A. 426, not to be within the constitutional provision setting apart as a literary fund "all fines collected for offenses committed against the state."

The garnishment of a debt due to a nonresident who is not personally served within the state and who does not voluntarily appear, is held, in Louisville & N. R. Co. vs. Nash (Ala.), 41 L. R. A. 331, to be invalid, because it does not constitute due process of law.

A secret deed on the eve of the grantor's marriage, to prevent the wife from acquiring any interest in the property, is held, in Arnegaard vs. Arnegaard (N. D.), 41 L. R. A. 258, to be void as to her homestead rights, but not void in toto.

A building of which the foundation and four walls remain substantially intact and which can be repaired for about one-third its value is held, in Corbet vs. Spring Garden Insurance company (N. Y.), 41 L. R. A. 318, not to be totally destroyed within the meaning of an insurance policy.

ENGLISH ARMY AND NAVY.

As is the rule in the British navy, officers and men in the navy of the United States receive the same fare, i.e., 3d. per day being allowed both officers and ordinary seamen without distinction of rank.

Although the duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha is the sovereign of a German state, he is nevertheless still an admiral of the fleet of the British navy, and has a perfect right to wear the uniform and hoist his flag as such.

The Gatling gun was the first machine gun used in the British army and navy. This was introduced in 1875, but in 1882 the Gardner came into use, then the Nordenfeldt in 1878, and the Maxim in 1887. This gun then weighed 60 pounds, against the 416 pounds of the Nordenfeldt.

Boots and leggings for the British army cost £23,000 yearly, and hats and caps £50,000. The fannel, linen, calico, velvet, buttons, cotton, wool, cotton, etc., from which are made the tunics, trousers, and shirts of the army, cost £50,000 yearly, and £1,000 a week is spent in wages for the making up of all this material.

Including the British non-commissioned officers and men (18,685), native officers and men (32,690) (equals 41,677) and followers (32,995), there were 93,061 men employed in suppressing the recent frontier disturbances on the Northwest Indian frontier. There were 41,065 admissions into the field and general hospitals and 1,602 deaths.

TIT-BITS OF INFORMATION.

The imperial palace at St. Petersburg contains one room which is the largest in the world. It is 100 feet long and 150 feet wide.

The largest flower in existence grows in Mindanao, one of the Philippines. It is three feet in diameter and is called "the man of the lake."

The mayor of London gets a salary of \$50,000 a year, and occupies the official residence, rent free. The entertainments he furnishes absorb most of his salary.

Fireflies are put to an ornamental use in some of the islands of the West Indies. They are caught and confined in nets on the heads of ladies, and sometimes a ballroom will appear with red, green, blue and yellow lights gleaming from her hair.

FASHION NOTES.

Beetle, toad, turtle and butterfly-shaped brooches are gaining in popularity. They are generally set with imitation or precious stones.

Gun metal is gaining in favor, and among the many novelties is a lorgnette chain, which is worn either plain or studded with gems.

New styles of umbrella handles of burnt ivory or ivory smoked, with silver and gold trimmings, are numerous. The most attractive is a flat ivory handle with carving trimmed with silver.

Pocketbooks and card cases of walrus or elephant hide, with silver and gold mountings are shown. The designs are novel and, with or without the addition of a small watch, are very desirable presents.—Jeweler's Weekly.

ACTRESSES' FAVORITE GEMS.

An Eminent Career.

Archduchess Maria Antonia, the former grand duchess of Tuscan, who died recently at the age of 84 years, was twice driven out of her dominions, in 1849 and 1859. She was the mother of the lost Archduke Johann Salvator, who, as Capt. John Orth, disappeared with his vessel some years ago. She was never convinced of his death, but kept his rooms and belongings always ready for his return.—N. Y. Sun.

Made Himself Known.

"Where do you find the most miserable man?" cried the temperance orator.

"You don't have to find him," said a voice in the audience; "he hunts you up and tells you about it!"—Puck.

For Hoarseness.

Benji Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice. It is used very largely by speakers and singers. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling.

If the advice of a fool for once happens to be good, it requires a wise man to carry it out.

As we advise in life we learn the limits of our abilities.

CUT OF THE CAPES.

It is Easier to Make a Homemade Wrap Now Than Ever Before.

Following this season's fad, the capes are all cut with rounding fronts and sometimes sweeping around to the back in a point reaching nearly to the bottom of the dress. Many different materials are employed. Among them one sees broadcloth, ladies' cloth, faille and the pretty new elderdown, which has a very close and crinkled cut. For the dowager's velvet capes in steel gray, mauve or a stylish old rose, all heavily embroidered in jet, are becoming.

Black or white lace appliqued, and sequins laid in fanciful designs, with sometimes a handsome silk fringe, form the trimming; and furs or chiffon ruching edge these elaborate wraps.

An odd-shaped wrap was of ivory faille, the fronts rounding to an extreme point only four inches from the ground in the back. Taffeta of a delicate shade of rose lined the cape, the high flaring collar lending to the wearer's face a most becoming glow. Around the entire cape was a broad ruche of white chiffon, and a mother-of-pearl buckle, set in silver, held it together.

A very dainty affair was a cape of Parma violet cloth, applied with Milanaise lace, forming large bow knots down each side and around the back. A band of beaver outlined the cape and high Medici collar, and the cape was lined with white tulipette.

Another, that suggested frosty nights, was made of white broadcloth, with silver sequins, and lined with prairie satin.

The cape was fashioned with a deep, round yoke, from which depended two circular ruffles, the under one being much deeper and both graduated to the collar, making the rounded front effect. The top ruffle was powdered with sequins, and a dainty design in the same silver sequins bordered the lower ruffle.

Around the high, square collar and outlining the yoke was a band of white astrakhan about two or three wide. This cape could be prettily made in the new elderdown, using white, lined with a rose geranium or a poppy red taffeta.

It could be fashioned easily and inexpensively at home. As the elderdown is a yard wide, only three or four yards would be needed, according to the length desired; the cost is 65 cents a yard, and the five yards of silk lining can be purchased in the grade and price best suiting your pocketbook.

It is said to be the desire of every woman to make a cape, though she die in the attempt; this season there need be no such perishing thought, for the capes are really quite easy to fashion. There was something exasperating about making the square-cornered cape, for somehow, the points had a trick of coming out uneven, though the cape was measured ever so carefully. But with the round point it is different. You double the cloth, and, getting a graceful sweep, you cut around the corners and up to the neck in one long, beautiful curve. The collar is more difficult, if it be in one piece, but the novice can make the collar and sew it on afterward, concealing the junction with a ribbon or a band of fur.

Those who have trouble holding the tall collar erect can keep them up by attaching a long bow of satin ribbon to the middle of the back. Ends of ribbon are then brought around and hooked under the chin. With this strap to support it, a collar will stand upright in the stiffest breezes.

For evening wear fine flannelette makes a very good cape, and it can be selected in sober colors, so that it looks very much like broadcloth. I saw one which I am positive was a flannelette in a beautiful dull green hue that rivaled the palms which were so nobly distributed in the lobby of the theater. As the wearer unhooked the cape I noticed that it was lined with black silk, which seemed to me rather a return toward the old dark linings. The cape was trimmed with ribbon all shirred and put on in the form of lover's knots. These, by the way, are the easiest design one can make. The ribbon is shirred and laid around in almost any careless way so as to form two loops and two ends; the result is bound to be a "lover's knot."

The most expensive trimming of the cape was a great quantity of fur tails, which were put on overlapping each other very close together.

These tails, I am told, can be purchased as low as one dollar a dozen, but as this is an exceptional price, it is better to quote a little more. Tails at this price are scarcely more than a finger in length, as many are required.

Capes for calling and shopping are made exactly like evening capes, only they are a little more staid in color.

You see them very fancy, though, and I noticed a gray melton cloth cape, lined with pink satin, out calling recently.

True, the wearer was in her coupe, for the lightness of the garment would have prevented one from walking in it. The cape was bordered with two very deep ruffles of figured silk, one falling below the other, and was trimmed around the edge with the frilled ribbon.

It was a fancy little affair, pretty and warm enough for this weather.

Though they made an effort to revive the very long circular cape this year, it was unsuccessful, for young women do not like to hide their dainty figures and smart gowns under such an enveloping robe.—Philadelphia Press.

He Had Followed the Scriptures.

A village artist and sculptor who lately was commissioned to redecorate the interior of a small village church, upon being asked by the frate vicar why in the world he had represented the cherubim and the seraphim with great tears rolling down their plaster cheeks, replied, with childlike simplicity, that according to his prayer book, both the cherubim and seraphim were wont to cry continually. —London Sketch.



The Best Place... To buy Toilet Articles Of Every Description, Is Here...

I have just received for the Winter and Holiday Trade a New and Up-to-date line of BRUSHES, COMBS, MIRRORS and SMALLER TOILET ARTICLES, in Sterling Silver, Ebony and other finishes.

Come in and look them over whether you intend purchasing now or not.

FRANK CURTIS,

Successor to—

OTTO E. CURTIS & BRO.,

Jewelers and Dealers in Fine China.

156 EAST MAIN STREET, DECATUR, ILL.

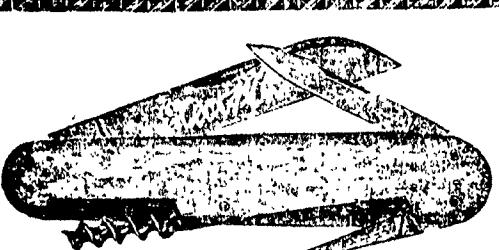
Hello!
Merry Christmas!

Want a Handsome New Slipper or Shoe?
Thought we'd let you know we have them.



Ladies' Fine Kid Strap Opera Slippers, \$2.00
Ladies' Fine Kid Two Button Strap Opera Slippers..... \$1.50
Ladies' Fine Kid One Strap Opera Slippers..... 1.00
Boys' Chocolate Gant Everett Opera Slippers..... 1.00
Men's Fine Kid Romeo, Black or Tan..... 1.50
" " " Opera, Black or Tan..... 1.50
" " " Royal Purple Opera Slippers..... 1.25
" " " Velvet Embroidered Everett Slippers..... 1.00
" " " Kangaroo Kid Everett Slippers..... 1.00
" " " Imitation Alligator Everett Slippers..... 79
" " " Velvet Embroidered Everett Slippers..... 54
Large Line of Warm Lined Goods..... \$1.24 to \$2.50

F. H. COLE SHOE CO.,
148 EAST MAIN STREET.



Extra Fine...

Of course it is an easy matter to buy a pocket knife, and a good one, but if you want one that is really VERY fine we suggest that you see our line. We have the best that money can buy, and that is the proper quality for presentation purposes. Every blade as fine as the finest razor. We guarantee this to be so. If you find you are mistaken please return the knife for a new one or your money back.

Elegantly finished knives, with silver linings, pearl handles, etc.

We put them up in handsome leather pocket cases. Very neat.

DECATUR GUN CO.

CIGARS

FOR

NEW YEAR'S
PRESENTS,
\$1 Per Box.

WEST'S DRUG STORE,
Lincoln Square.

LOCAL NEWS.

Davis' 15c delivery, Cab, 25c.
Smoke the Little Joker—5 cent cigar
Pictures and Frames at Melchers' Art Store south of the Postoffice.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kock.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22nd.

Smoke the Little J. Guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.—15c.

Best line of pictures in the city. Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co.—22d.

Fine candies at Glessner's, 148 East Prairie.

Do you want plastering done? If so telephone 1462, old 'phone. Doctorard Plaster Co. Perry & Oren-out.

Pictures and Frames 15 cents and up. Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co.—22d.

There was shooting on Christmas in Decatur—Sunday and Monday, too—but the cutters are now back in the sheds.

Accidents come with distressing frequency on the farm. Cuts, bruises, stings, sprains. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil relieves the pain instantly. Never safe without it. Sold by all druggists.

The people admire and praise the Chickering and Packard pianos, sold at the C. B. Prescott music house, because they are model instruments. See them and you will buy.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhea Remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. Sold by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

Kollar and the "Birds Elect" are among the early attractions at the Grand.

Half the ills that man is heir to come from indigestion. Burdock Blood Bitters strengthens and tones the stomach; makes indigestion impossible. Sold by all druggists.

A Chance to Visit Your Friends.

Holiday excursions via the P. D. and E. Ry. at cheap rates. Your ticket agent will tell you all about it. See him and get particulars.—2-2d.

For Sale.

The stock and fixtures of the Bee Hive Grocery Store, situated at 601 North Water street. For further particulars call on or address Wm. A. Holman, assignee, 104 East Prairie Ave., Decatur, Ill.

Was Pleased.

Dr. Davenport, the electric belt man who was arrested because he was wanted at Vandalia for skipping a board bill, has been released from the county jail. The Vandalia officers were notified of the arrest, but failed to come after the man, so he was no longer held.

Fackson's Arthritis Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Out-Brusies, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum Fever, Borse, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Irritations and positively cures Piles, or no pay required.

It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. W. King and C. F. Shilling.

BASKET BALL GAME.

Played Monday Afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. Was a Good One.

The game of basket ball played Monday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium was the best that has taken place in the city this season.

The regular association team played against a scrub picked team.

The regular team won but the picked team did good work after they got started and made an excellent fight.

The game was called at 3 o'clock.

There were two 20 minute halves with an intermission of 10 minutes.

Quite a number of spectators witnessed the game.

General Secretary Patterson and Hal Hotelling, the physical instructor, took part in the game playing on the picked team.

At the end of the first half the game

stood 11 to 5 in favor of the regular

team and at the end of the game the

regulars had made 15 and the picked

team 11 points.

The teams were quite evenly matched and both sides

played as hard as they could.

Considering the small amount of practice

that the picked team has had they did

wonderfully good work. The lineup

of the two teams was as follows:

Y. M. C. A.—White, left forward;

Lamborn, right forward; Williams,

center; Johnson, left guard; Barr,

right guard.

Picked Team—Patterson, left for-

ward; Spies, right forward; Pitner,

center; Hotelling, left guard; Pen-

nington, right guard.

Referee—Homer Ervin.

Umpire—J. H. Latham.

Timekeeper—Dick Ellis.

What Do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAN-O? It is delicious. The more health you distribute the children the more health you distribute the world. GRAN-O is made of pure grain and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs 15c and 25c less than grocers sell it.

ELEGANTLY FINISHED KNIVES.

We put them up in handsome leather pocket cases.

Very neat.

CHRISTMAS JOY

And Generous Treats for Children at Churches

HAPPY TIME MONDAY EVENING

After the Home Treats the Young People Met at the Sunday Schools—Fine Music, Decorations and Illuminations.

The Christmas entertainment at the First M. E. church was a departure from the usual Christmas exercises of songs, recitations and dialogue. The "Bird's Christmas Carol" was given. The story was illustrated in a novel manner. At the front of the room a large frame work resembling the covers of a book was arranged. The church was darkened and the light thrown on the figures that posed within the covers in illustration of the story by a headlight from a locomotive. Miss Maude Martin told the story and as she told of the different characters and the part they played in the story the cover of the book was opened and the "Choir Boys," "Mrs. Ruggles," "The Ruggles," "Uncle Jack," "Carol Bird," "Mrs. Bird and Baby Carol," were shown in turn. The seats in the front of the church were reserved for the children of the Sunday school and at the appointed time they marched in, the different classes in charge of their respective teachers, and took their places. The little tots wriggled in delighted expectancy, the elders endeavoring to keep them quiet, finally giving up in remembrance of the nervous joy of the excitement that preceded similar scenes in their own youth. The story was at last begun and the little ones showed their pleasure in the illustrations and the story by half suppressed giggles and excited whispers. The church was crowded, the seats being taken and many standing.

Those taking a part in the illustrations were as follows:

The choir boys—Joe Stout, Willie Grout, Roy Johnson, James Howes-

ton, Orville Dunham, Milton John-

son, Jr., was choir master.

Mrs. Ruggles—Mrs. Nellie Hubbard.

Mrs. Bird and Baby Carol—Mrs. S. M. Lutz and Baby Lutz.

Carol Bird—Leah Patterson.

Uncle Jack—Milton Johnson, Jr.

The Ruggles in the Rear—Nina Imboden, Elenor Armstrong, Hubert and Lelah Randle, Corinne Leach and Roy Holser, Everett Auor, Jany Fly.

At the close of the story bags of candy and fruit were distributed among the children. An especially pleasing feature of the entertainment was the song "My Ain Country," by Joe Stout.

The Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church held the Christmas entertainment on Monday afternoon, giving the following program: Selections—Sunday School Orchestra, led by Professor Westhoff.

Recitation, "Santa Claus on the Train"—Gertrude Mills.

Piano Solo—Doe Akers.

Recitation, "Santa's Secret"—Edith White.

Vocal Solo—Judith Mills, Mrs. A. H. Mills piano accompanist, Helen Mills violin.

Recitation, "Message from Santa" —Sylvia Dickinson.

Selection—Sunday School Orchestra.

Recitation, "He Comes in the Night"—Helen Bonbrake.

Piano Solo—Hallie Reeme.

Vocal Solo, "Dreary Grows the Winter"—Lu Sarks.

Recitation, "Two Little Stockings" —Lucile Tuttle.

Violin Solo—Helen Mills.

Selection—Sunday School Orchestra.

Talk to the little folks and distribution of candy—Santa Claus.

All children who are to participate in the cantata are requested to meet at the church Wednesday at 2 p. m. for rehearsal.

GERMAN M. E.

The cantata "The Ten Virgins," was presented at the German M. E. church last evening in addition to a program of songs, recitations and music. The platform decorations which consisted of a house containing a Christmas tree was destroyed by fire.

No damage was done to the church except a small injury to the carpet of the pulpit.

The fire was stamped out without any great excitement.

The names of those who participated in the program follow: Lydia Burke,

John Kusch, Pearl Annmarie, Ben

Kortz and Walter Schultz, Miss Clara

Neidermeyer, Miss Lydia Witzeman,

Karl Witzeman and A. Hartman, Miss

Hattie Annmarie, Carlton Mattes and

J. Wilhelmy.

A cantata, "The Ten Virgins," was

presented at the German M. E.

church last evening in addition to a

program of songs and recita-

tions.

CHRISTIAN TABERNACLE.

A fishing pond out of which Santa fished gifts for everyone in the house entertained the children at the Christian Tabernacle last evening. There was also a program of songs and recita-

tions.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The two Santa Claus, which visited

the Baptist church last evening enter-

tained the children and their elders in

a novel manner. There was a counter-

feit Santa and a genuine old Saint.

The counterfeit Santa was a traveling

salesman for the firm of Che